REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 7-11, 15-16, and 19-29 are currently pending in the application. No claims have been amended or canceled. Claims 28-29 have been added. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-3, 7-11, 15-16, and 19-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,131,096 to Ng et al. ("Ng") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,466,236 to Pivowar et al. ("Pivowar").

Ng discloses a system for updating a remote database in a network. The network includes a global server coupled to a local client and to a remote client. The local client includes a browser for establishing a communications link with a web server on the global server. The global server has a server database memory for storing independently modifiable copies of workspace data maintained by personal information managers (PIMs) or other data stores on the local client and has PIM downloadables for interfacing with these PIMs. The local client requests synchronization capability for a particular PIM. The global server sends a PIM downloadable corresponding to the particular PIM to the local client, which installs and initiates execution of the PIM downloadable. Accordingly, a user interface receives information designating a database containing the workspace data to be synchronized and information selecting a synchronization mode such as one-way replace, one-way merge or two-way synchronize. A PIM interface instructs the particular PIM to retrieve the workspace data to be synchronized. A synchronization module determines update data based on the synchronization mode selected and possibly based on a comparison with the contents of the server database. A communications engine delivers the first update data to the global server, which updates the server database accordingly.

Pivowar discloses a portable, hand-held personal digital assistant for simultaneously depicting multiple calendars on a single display. The personal digital assistant includes a portable, hand-held housing including a top surface, a bottom surface, and a side wall therebetween for defining an interior space. Situated in the interior space of the housing is a memory for storing a plurality of calendars each including a plurality of scheduled matters. A

controller is situated in the interior space of the housing for simultaneously depicting a plurality of the calendars on the display.

Applicant respectfully submits that the cited combination of Ng and Pivowar fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claims 1, 11, and 22, namely, wherein data from multiple remote servers is merged into and displayed as one set of data. In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited combination of Ng and Pivowar fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 16, namely, merging data from a first remote server and data from a second remote server into a single data set and displaying a single data set on at least one display. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited combination of Ng and Pivowar fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious at least one of the distinguishing features of independent claim 25, namely, merging data from a first mobile terminal and a second mobile terminal into a single data set.

In Ng, a global server includes a user data store for storing user workspace data. User data store may include a first store for a first user, a second store for a second user, etc. Each store may include separate folders for calendar data, address data, PIM data, etc. For example, the calendar folder may include a single calendar database for a personal calendar, while an address folder may include three separate databases (one for business address, one for personal address, and one for miscellaneous address). For synchronization purposes, individual records may be selected from one or more PIM databases and recognized as a single database. However, the individual records are present on one server (global server).

In addition, Ng teaches a local client that retrieves first PIM data from a global server and second PIM data from a second PIM PC. The first PIM data and second PIM data are maintained separately. The first PIM client knows the location of the first PIM data and the second PIM client knows the location of the second PIM data. As such, the first PIM client may not access the second PIM data and the second PIM client may not access the first PIM data. As shown and described throughout Ng, the first and second PIM data are maintained separately. Ng does not disclose merging the first and second PIM data. Pivowar teaches displaying multiple calendars simultaneously on a single display. In Pivowar, the calendars of each individual are maintained separately and the data is not merged into a single calendar. The cited

combination of Ng and Pivowar fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious merging multiple groups of data from multiple remote servers and displaying the data as *one* set of data. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 11, 16, 22, and 25 each distinguish over the cited combination of Ng and Pivowar. Withdrawal of the rejection of independent claim 1, 11, 16, 22, and 25 is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 2-3, 7-10, and 28-29 depend from and further restrict independent claim 1 in a patentable sense. Dependent claim 15 depends from and further restricts independent claim 11 in a patentable sense. Dependent claims 19-21 depend from and further restrict independent claim 16 in a patentable sense. Dependent claims 23-24 depend from and further restrict independent claim 22 in a patentable sense. Dependent claims 26-27 depend from and further restrict independent claim 25 in a patentable sense. Applicant respectfully. submits that, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 1, 11, 16, 22, and 25, respectively, dependent claims 2-3, 7-10, 28-29, 15, 19-21, 23-24, and 26-27 distinguish over the cited references and are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 2-3, 7-10, 28-29, 15, 19-21, 23-24, and 26-27 is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited combination of Ng and Pivowar fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious at least one of the distinguishing features of dependent claims 8, 20, and 23, namely, wherein multiple groups of data may be displayed in bolded or non-bolded format depending on a relevance of the data. The Examiner asserts that Pivowar shows this feature at FIG 9E. Applicant respectfully disagrees. In Pivowar, a date and day portion of a calendar displays a highlighted bar upon a selection made by a user and does not represent data displayed in bolded or non-bolded format depending on a relevance of the data as claimed. For at least this additional reason, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 8, 20, and 23 distinguish over the cited combination of Ng and Pivowar. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 8, 20, and 23 is respectfully requested.

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In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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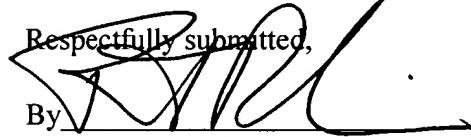
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